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year but that some twenty additional volumes had been acquired by donation. Considerable work had also been done on indexing and classification and list of books printed in the June-August number of the Publications for 1911.

Donohoe Comet Medal Committee—W. W. CAMPBELL, *Chairman*.
Following is the report of this committee:—

REPORT OF THE DONOHOE COMET-MEDAL COMMITTEE.

The comets discovered in the year 1911 were the following:—

Comet *a* 1911, Dr. MAX WOLF's periodic comet, detected on its return by Dr. MAX WOLF at Heidelberg on June 19, 1911.

Comet *b* 1911, an unexpected comet, discovered by Mr. C. C. KIESS at the Lick Observatory on July 6, 1911.

Comet *c* 1911, an unexpected comet, discovered by Dr. W. R. BROOKS at Geneva, New York, on July 20, 1911.

Comet *d* 1911, Encke's periodic comet, detected on its return by M. F. GONNESSIST at Algiers on July 31, 1911.

Comet *e* 1911, Borrelly's periodic comet, detected on its return by Mr. H. KNOX SHAW at Helwan, Egypt, on September 19, 1911.

Comet *f* 1911, an unexpected comet, discovered by M. F. QUENISSET at Juvisy, France, on September 25, 1911.

Comet *g* 1911, an unexpected comet, discovered by M. S. BELJAWSKY at Simeis, Russia, on September 28, 1911.

Comet *h* 1911, an unexpected comet, discovered by M. H. SCHAUMASSE at Nice, France, on November 30, 1911.

In accordance with the statutes, the medal has been awarded to Messrs. KIESS, BROOKS, QUENISSET, BELJAWSKY, and SCHAUMASSE, for the discovery of Comets *b*, *c*, *f*, *g* and *h*.

W. W. CAMPBELL,
SIDNEY D. TOWNLEY,
HEBER D. CURTIS,
Comet-Medal Committee.

The next business in order was the reading of the report of the Treasurer, which was as follows:—

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 30, 1912.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Liabilities.

To the William Alvord Fund	\$ 5,000 00
“ Alexander Montgomery Library Fund	3,777 82
“ Donohoe Comet-Medal Fund	820 41
“ Bruce Medal Fund	2,945 84
“ Life Membership Fund	1,974 36
“ John Dolbeer Fund	5,000 00
“ General Fund	847 10
Total.....	<u>\$20,365 53</u>

Assets.

Bonds in Mercantile Trust Co.	\$14,418 02
Cash in Humboldt Savings Bank (Alvord Fund)	305 74
“ Savings Union Bank (Alvord and Comet Funds)	1,275 11
“ Security Savings Bank (Library Fund)	618 80

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Cash in Mutual Savings Bank (Bruce Medal Fund)	\$ 956 12
" German Savings and Loan Society (Life Membership Fund)...	974 36
" Union Trust Co.'s Bank (John Dolbeer Fund)	970 28
" Donohoe-Kelly Bank (General Fund)	847 10
Total.....	<u><u>\$20,365 53</u></u>

STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS BY FUND.

WILLIAM ALVORD FUND.

<i>Dr.</i>	
To Balance March 25, 1911	\$ 5,008 56
Bond Interests for year	\$200 00
Bank Interests for year	31 06
	<u>231 06</u>
	\$ 5,239 62
<i>Cr.</i>	
By Transfer to General Fund, interests	\$231 06
Transfer to General Fund, old balance	8 56
	<u>239 62</u>
Balance March 30, 1912	<u><u>\$ 5,000 00</u></u>

ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY LIBRARY FUND.

<i>Dr.</i>	
To Balance March 25, 1911	\$ 3,782 64
Bond Interests for year	\$150 00
Bank Interests for year	25 18
	<u>175 18</u>
	\$ 3,957 82
<i>Cr.</i>	
By Transfer to General Fund on account of Rent and Salaries.....	180 00
Balance March 30, 1912	<u><u>\$ 3,777 82</u></u>

DONOHOE COMET-MEDAL FUND.

<i>Dr.</i>	
To Balance March 25, 1911	\$ 788 57
Bank Interests for year	31 84
	<u>820 41</u>
Balance March 30, 1912	<u><u>\$ 820 41</u></u>

BRUCE MEDAL FUND.

<i>Dr.</i>	
To Balance March 25, 1911	\$ 2,812 60
Bond Interests for year	\$100 00
Bank Interests for year	33 24
	<u>133 24</u>
Balance March 30, 1912	<u><u>\$ 2,945 84</u></u>

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND.

<i>Dr.</i>	
To Balance March 25, 1911	\$ 1,974 36
Bond Interests for year	\$ 40 00
Bank Interests for year	39 38
	<u>79 38</u>
	\$ 2,053 74

Publications of the

<i>Cr.</i>	
By Transfer to General Fund of Bond and Bank Interests	\$ 79 38
Balance March 30, 1912	\$ 1,974 36

JOHN DOLBEER FUND.

<i>Dr.</i>	
To Balance March 25, 1911	\$ 5,000 00
Bond Interests for year	\$190 00
Bank Interests for year	36 66
	226 66
	\$ 5,226 66

<i>Cr.</i>	
By Transfer to General Fund of Bond and Bank Interests.....	226 66
Balance March 30, 1912	\$ 5,000 00

GENERAL FUND.

<i>Dr.</i>	
To Balance March 25, 1911	\$ 1,171 63
Dues received	563 75
Sale of <i>Publications</i>	22 95
Library Fund	180 00
William Alvord Fund	239 62
Life Membership Fund	79 38
John Dolbeer Fund	226 66
Total	\$ 2,483 99

<i>Cr.</i>	
By Blair-Murdock Co., for printing	\$ 999 59
Expenses Professor H. C. WILSON	15 00
Expenses Professor H. B. CURTIS	7 00
Rent of office	242 50
Salary of Secretary-Treasurer	240 00
Taxes	22 96
Lantern Service	10 00
Expressage on Books from Dr. HILL	6 85
Customs Brokerage on Bruce Medal	4 75
Safe Deposit Box	4 00
Scales and Ladder	4 00
Insurance	7 25
Engraving	6 57
Sunset Publishing House—Electrotypes	19 75
Stationery	3 30
Postages	29 37
Mercantile Trust Co.—Caré of Bonds	14 00
	1,636 89
Balance March 30, 1912.....	\$ 847 10

FUNDS OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC HELD IN DEPOSIT
BY THE MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO,
AT 464 CALIFORNIA STREET.

These securities are all of the face denomination of \$1,000, and the values given represent their original cost to the Society.

Life Membership Fund.

One South Pacific Coast Railroad Company's 1st mortgage, guaranteed 4 per cent Gold Bond, No. 3406. Principal due July, 1937; interest payable in January and July.....\$ 1,000 00

Alexander Montgomery Library Fund.

One Oakland Transit consolidated 1st consolidated mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 4328. Principal due July, 1932; interest payable in January and July 1,040 00
One Sunset Telephone and Telegraph Company's consolidated mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 641. Principal due October, 1929; interest payable April and October..... 1,084 02
One Contra Costa Water Company's 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 1665, Principal due January, 1915; interest payable January and July.. 1,035 00

Bruce Medal Fund.

One Bay Counties' Power Company 1st consolidated mortgage 5 per cent sinking fund Gold Bond, No. 1636. Principal due September, 1930; interest payable in March and September..... 1,012 50
One Edison Electric Company, Los Angeles, 1st and refunding mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 6836. Principal due September, 1922; interest payable in March and September..... 977 22

John Dolbeer Fund.

One South Pacific Coast Railway Company's 1st mortgage 4 per cent guaranteed Gold Bond, No. 3407. Principal due July, 1937; interest payable in January and July 1,000 00
One Oakland Transit Consolidated 1st consolidated mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 4329. Principal due July, 1932; interest payable January and July..... 1,040 00
One Bay Counties Power Company's 1st consolidated mortgage 5 per cent sinking fund Gold Bond, No. 1637. Principal due September, 1930; interest payable in March and September..... 1,012 50
One Edison Electric Company, Los Angeles, 1st and refunding mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bond, No. 6837. Principal due September, 1922; interest payable March and September..... 977 22

William Alvord Fund.

Two Sunset Telephone and Telegraph Company's consolidated mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bonds, Nos. 656 and 657. Principal due October, 1929; interest payable in April and October..... 2,168 06
Two Contra Costa Water Company's 5 per cent Gold Bonds, Nos. 87 and 1666. Principal due January, 1915; interest payable in January and July..... 2,071 50

Total, 14 bonds, value.....\$14,418 02

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

J. COSTA,
FREMONT MORSE,
Auditing Committee.

The next business in order was the election of officers of the Society for the ensuing year and the President called for the report of the Nominating Committee. Committee in question consisted of

MESSRS. BEVERLY L. HODGHEAD, *Chairman*; W. F. MEYER and FRANK V. CORNISH. In the absence of the chairman, the report was submitted by MR. CORNISH, and read as follows:—

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 28, 1912.

To the Astronomical Society of the Pacific:

Your Committee appointed pursuant to the By-Laws of the Society to submit nominations of officers for the ensuing year met today, beg leave to submit the following nominations:—

For Directors—MESSRS. R. G. AITKEN, W. W. CAMPBELL, W. H. CROCKER, C. S. CUSHING, J. D. GALLOWAY, G. E. HALE, R. T. CRAWFORD, A. G. McADIE, J. COSTA, D. S. RICHARDSON, S. D. TOWNLEY.

For Members of the Publication Committee—MESSRS. R. G. AITKEN and H. D. CURTIS.

The By-Laws at present provide for a Publication Committee of three. We learn that the vacancy on that committee has not been filled because it seemed more practicable to limit the number to two, and we are also advised that there may be a proposal at the annual meeting to amend the By-Laws in this particular. We will therefore, make no nomination for the third place on the Publication Committee, unless the society should determine that the vacancy should be filled.

Respectfully submitted,

BEVERLY L. HODGHEAD, *Chairman*.

W. F. MEYER,

FRANK V. CORNISH.

After the submission of the foregoing report of Mr. CORNISH, President GALLOWAY arose to state that while he appreciated the honor of re-nomination to the Board, he thought it advisable that he should follow the precedent already established by other retiring Presidents by withdrawing in favor of some other equally deserving member. He asked, therefore, that his name be stricken from the list of nominees, and called for further nominations from the floor.

The name of H. B. CURTIS was then placed in nomination for Director by Mr. C. BURCKHALTER, seconded by Mr. C. S. CUSHING, and carried. A further motion, duly seconded, that nominations be closed, was unanimously carried.

The President then named Mr. F. R. ZIEL and Mr. A. H. MARKWART as tellers and ballots were distributed. Pending the closing of the polls, fixed by Article IX of the By-Laws at 9 p. m., the first part of the scientific program for the evening was given. This consisted, of a paper by the retiring President, Mr. J. D. GALLOWAY, on the subject of "Popular Interest in Astronomy," which was received with marked approval by an intelligent audience of about two hundred people. It was an able and timely statement, from the layman's standpoint, of the interest felt in this great science by the non-technical but appreciative plain citizen.

At the close of President GALLOWAY's address, the ballots were collected and counted by the tellers, showing the election of the following officers by a vote which was practically unanimous.

For Directors—R. G. AITKEN, W. W. CAMPBELL, W. H. CROCKER, C. S. CUSHING, H. D. CURTIS, G. E. HALE, R. T. CRAWFORD, A. G. McADIE, J. COSTA, D. S. RICHARDSON, S. D. TOWNLEY.

Publication Committee—R. G. AITKEN, H. D. CURTIS.

After the announcement by the President of the results of the election, the exercises of the evening closed with a happy address by Professor R. G. AITKEN, of Lick Observatory, on the subject of "The Milky Way." The subject was beautifully illustrated with numerous lantern slides and the speaker, making no effort on this occasion to be formally technical, carried his fascinated listeners through many a wondrous maze of the sidereal heavens and sent them home with new conceptions of the glory, the immensity and the mystery of the universe.

A vote of thanks was voted by the audience to the two speakers of the evening.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN
THE ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY, 748 PHELAN BUILDING,
SAN FRANCISCO, ON MARCH 30, 1912, AT 10 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary RICHARDSON. Present: Directors CAMPBELL, AITKEN, TOWNLEY, CUSHING, LEUSCHNER, McADIE, and COSTA.

The first business on hand was the organization of the newly elected Board, and nominations for the various offices were called for by the chair, resulting in the election, by the unanimous vote of all the Directors present, of the following officers for the ensuing year:—

President—H. D. CURTIS.

First Vice-President—A. G. McADIE.

Second Vice-President—G. E. HALE.

Third Vice-President—R. T. CRAWFORD.

Secretary and Treasurer—D. S. RICHARDSON.

Secretary on Mt. Hamilton—R. G. AITKEN.

Messrs. J. COSTA, A. H. MARKWART, and D. S. RICHARDSON were re-elected as Library Committee for the ensuing year.

On motion of Director CUSHING, seconded by Director LEUSCHNER, the Secretary was authorized, in his discretion, to expend not to exceed the sum of \$25, during the ensuing year, in the purchase of additional shelving and facilities for the Library.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.